

# MSCP Timeline

1979	It was estimated that 70% of coastal sage scrub habitat in San Diego County had been destroyed.
1980	Published report by Jon Atwood estimated coastal California gnatcatcher populations to be 1,000 - 1,500 pairs.
1988	The Service initiated a status review of the gnatcatcher.
1990	The Service began efforts to promote the conservation of the gnatcatcher and its habitat.
Aug. 1990	The City of San Diego proposed MSCP in draft document for the Clean Water Program.
1991	The Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) program instituted by State of California Resource Agency.
Jul. 1991	The City of San Diego initiated MSCP working group.
Sep. 1991	Gnatcatcher proposed endangered under the ESA.
Mar. 1993	Gnatcatcher listed as a threatened species under the ESA.
Jul. 1993	California Department of Fish and Game released draft guidelines for NCCP program.
Aug. 1993	Public Hearings held for special 4(d) rule for the gnatcatcher.
Nov. 1993	NCCP Conservation and Process Guidelines finalized.
Dec. 1993	Special 4(d) rule for the gnatcatcher finalized.
May 1994	Judge Stanley Sporkin ordered that the gnatcatcher be removed from ESA protection.
Jun. 1994	Gnatcatcher threatened status restored by U.S. District Court.
Mar. 1995	Draft MSCP distributed for public review.
Mar. 1995	Secretary Babbitt announced plans to acquire Rancho San Diego property to support NCCP in southern California.
Apr. 1995	Regional public workshops held on Draft MSCP.
Jun. 1995	CDFG reversed decision to provide protection for the gnatcatcher under state ESA.
Aug. 1995	Final MSCP plan and draft EIR/EIS distributed for public review.
Jul. 1996	Wildlife Agencies issued take authorizations to the City of Poway.
Dec. 1996	Final EIR for NCCP program released for public review.
May 1997	Service approves Otay-Sweetwater and Vernal Pool Units of the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge.
Jul. 1997	Wildlife agencies issued take authorizations to the City of San Diego.
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